

Draft Magnuson Park Advisory Committee Minutes
Building 11 Second Floor Space
November 13, 2013 from 6 – 7:30 PM

Attending
MPAC Members:

Parks staff: Kevin Bergsrud, Nathan Torgelson
Guests: Elizabeth Kiker, Kathy McCabe

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

Welcome and notes from chair

Approval of Oct minutes: full minutes not available, will be approved at December meeting.

No public comment

Director report – Nathan Torgelson:

Building 11 is now City owned and Lease to Waldorf is approved. Cascade Bike signing lease on 12-11-13 plan to go to Council with it on 12-16-13 for full approval. No decision on use of old Cascade bike space in Gate House. It might be used for Parks staff. Building 30 arts studios all rented with wait list. Earth Corp to be moving in 12-11 to 12-16. There will be some tenant improvement work to the Brig beginning in 2014 including floor painting. Building 18 is now closed and secure. Contract work to stabilize it is planned for Jan-March '14. Permit now being reviewed by DPD. Frog pond trail repair work completed. Brian Judd will be the new Magnuson Park Manager to begin December 4th. Thanks to Lynn F. for helping during the interview process. Brig will get a new entry at the Sand Point Room to use for Cycle rental for Outdoors For All. Turner construction will donate the work to install.

Cyclo-cross went better than last year. Still not enough notice for walkers to know about. Trails on lawn went away quickly, staff to make repair in spring to any areas. Well attended and good atmosphere. One concern is high speed bike use in training for event.

Headwaters project. – Tom Kelly

Went well with help from Diane Shelton, Andy Sheffer, Berger Partnership
Parks heavy equipment crew brought in mulch and Seattle Conservation Corp.

This round of planting used an applied ecology approach. Smaller and more diverse plants. This will be a great addition to the park and Dept deserves praise.

Emergency Beacon – Kevin Bergsrud

Seattle Children's plans to install an emergency beacon and phone station in the middle of Parking Lot E5. It will be on a 9' pole. Members thought it sounded like a good idea and Kevin said he will give Children's OK to proceed.

Cascade Bicycle Club – Elizabeth Kiker and Kathy McCabe

CBC presented a plan for the space they plan to lease in building 11. It will be on the main floor adjacent to Waldorf space. They are now finalizing TI plans and fundraising for the build out.

Legacy Plan Update – Diana Kincaid

DK reported that the Legacy Committee was working on the project list that would be funded either by new Park Levy or MPD. The last day for comment is 11-19-13.

She suggested a letter from MPAC would be important for funding at Magnuson Park. She read an outline of projects she believed would be an asset to the park. They are the following:

Design and Implement a circulation plan (including way finding and signage)

Design Pedestrian Master Plan

Maintenance Plan for grounds

North shore Pier

NOA access road

All members present thought a letter should be written and content was discussed

RW Circulation plan was most important

LH Circulation plan needs to be well defined otherwise it might be interpreted as (pedestrian/traffic safety improvements instead of master plan)

LH suggested letter state support of strategic plan and not list specifics.

TK raised concerns of a trail system impacting the wild environment and not the best way to prioritize funds.

Members present did think the list contained important projects that should have priority funding.

Other priority items that were on the strategic plan were not discussed.

LH suggested that some of the future planned athletic fields be added to the list during email discussion of letter

DK, GC, MC, LF emailed support of final draft

JR authored letter to Legacy committee

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm